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SUBJECT { GENERAL Communist Sabotage  
                  SPECIFIC Fire in the Oil Field of Catas; Proposed Strike of Petroleum  
                  25X1A6c Workers in São Paulo

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1. The following is a translation in part of an article which appeared in the 30 March 1957 edition of O Jornal:

SALVADOR, 29 (Meridional). A violent fire broke out in the oil zone of Catas. Immediately the superintendent of Petrobras left for that locale to verify the extent of the damage. First, however, in speaking to a reporter, he declared that an oil well is not involved but rather a storage area where there is a large quantity of oil. It is believed that persons not authorized to be in the area who have not yet been identified, filtered past the police guard and caused the fire, by carelessness or otherwise.

2. According to the Correio da Manhã of 3 April 1957, efforts are being made in São Paulo to avoid a strike of workers in the petroleum and minerals industry which is scheduled for 8 April. Vivaldo Ferreira Torres, the new regional delegate of the Ministry of Labor has called a meeting for Friday, 5 April, of the workers and the managers.

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